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(August 13, 2008)-University of Minnesota, Morris Athletic Director Mark Fohl has announced that Chad Braegelmann is returning to the UMM community as head women's volleyball coach for the Cougars and campus intramural coordinator.

UMM's long-time head volleyball coach Heather Pennie, will continue to serve as senior woman administrator for intercollegiate athletics and head softball coach. She will also serve as assistant volleyball coach with Braegelmann.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Morris, Braegelmann has served as the head women's volleyball coach at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H., for the past seven seasons. Braegelmann's Colby-Sawyer teams compiled a 54-9 record in conference play, winning two conference championships and twice advancing to the NCAA Division III National Tournament. Braegelmann was twice named The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) Coach of the Year.

Braegelmann received his bachelor of arts degree in management and sports management with a minor in economics from UMM in 2000. He earned his master's degree from Northern State University in 2001. As a UMM student he served as a student assistant coach for the Cougar women's volleyball team and competed with the men's club volleyball team against college and university club teams from across the Upper Midwest.

Coach Braegelmann led the Colby-Sawyer Chargers to six conference championship match appearances, with double-digit wins in all seven seasons, and attained the most wins in a season in school history in any sport. Volleyball athletes were successful off the court as well, earning the top team academic grade point average of Colby-Sawyer's sports teams multiple times.

Fohl stated, "I am excited to have someone with Chad's coaching abilities as head volleyball coach at the University of Minnesota, Morris. He's had great success at Colby-Sawyer and we're looking for that to continue here at UMM."

"I am very excited to return to my alma mater as the new head women's volleyball coach and intramural coordinator. While my wife and I enjoyed our time in New England, the chance to come back to Morris and coach a team that we are very passionate about was too good an opportunity to pass up. I am eagerly awaiting the challenge of leading the team to the UMAC tournament and hopefully competing for a UMAC championship in the near future," said Braegelmann.

In addition to his head coaching responsibilities, Braegelmann will coordinate intramurals for UMM, working through the Office of Student Activities. He held a similar appointment at Colby-Sawyer, coordinating their intramural

recreation program for five years while serving as head volleyball coach.

Braegelmann has coached youth volleyball and directed numerous summer volleyball camps and clinics. His campus service at Colby-Sawyer included participation on the Across the College Committee that worked to link students' educational experiences in the classroom with their other campus and community activities. He also served on the Human Resources Advisory Committee and the Colby-Sawyer Fundraising Committee.

The Cougar women's volleyball team will open the 2008 season August 29 at the Crossroads triangular, Crossroads College in Rochester, and play their first home match of the season with the UMM Triangular on September 10.

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